

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1522  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MCNUC, PARM, SF  
SUBJECT: SA-US NUCLEAR TALKS: COMMENTS BY SAG OFFICIALS

REF: (A) PRETORIA 3609; (B) LONDON 10177

1. IN ANSWERING LOCAL PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT LONDON LEAK  
OF SA-US DISCUSSIONS ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, FOREIGN MINISTER  
BOTH A AND BRAND FOURIE HAS DRAWN ON OUR CONTINGENCY  
STATEMENT WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS,  
WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT  
ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONCERN IN THE  
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NUCLEAR FIELD. THE VISIT TO PRETORIA OF AMBASSADOR  
SMITH REPRESENTS A STAGE IN A SERIES OF CONTACTS  
WE HAVE HAD IN THIS REGARD. WE HAVE NO FURTHER  
INFORMATION TO ADD AT THIS TIME. UNQUOTE.

2. PRESS REPORTS ARE CONTRADICTORY AS TO WHETHER AMBASSADOR  
SMITH HAS ALREADY COME TO SOUTH AFRICA OR IS STILL AWAITED.

WE PLAN TO STAY WITHIN ABOVE STATEMENT AND WILL TRY  
TO AVOID BEING PINNED DOWN ON TIMING OF VISIT. (WE  
HOPE TO CONCLUDE TALKS JUNE 28 BUT AMBASSADOR SMITH IS  
PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICAN JULY 1.)  
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